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1. SUMMARY. GOEG UNDERWENT MAJOR CHANGE MARCH 2. MACIAS REMAINS PRESIDENT AND HOLDS THREE MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS. CLOSE CRONY NAMED VICE PRESIDENT. IN ADDITION, NEW GOVERNMENT CONTAINS ONLY TWO MINISTERS, SIX VICE MINISTERS, AND FOUR NEWLY CREATED POSTS OF SECRETARIES OF STATE. TWO MOST IMPORTANT MINISTERS IN OLD GOVERNMENT--MASIE NTUTUMU AND OYONO ALOGO--NAMED TO SECRETARY OF STATE POSITIONS, THUS APPARENTLY DOWNGRADED.

2. GOEG UNDERWENT MAJOR SHAKE-UP MARCH 2. NEW GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON

EG RADIO FANG-LANGUAGE BROADCASTS. COMPOSITION AS FOLLOWS (PREVIOUS POSITIONS SHOWN IN PARENTHESES):

A. PRESIDENT MACIAS REMAINS AND HOLDS THREE MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS: (FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ARMED FORCES, PUBLIC WORKS).

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B. VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER DELEGATE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY:
EYEGUE NTUTUMU, MIGUEL (GOVERNOR OF RIO-MUNI)

C. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: NZI MBA, MANUEL

D. MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: OCHAGA NGONO, BUENAVENTURA
(DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNAL POLITICS)

E. VICE MINISTER OF LABOR: ICHINDA MANGALI, BRAULIO
(BANK CONTROLLER AT BATA)

F. VICE MINISTER OF JUSTICE: CONTE MAY, LEONCIO PLACIDO
(LABOR DELEGATE AT MALABO)

G. VICE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ELECTRICITY:
ABAGA OBURU, NEMESIO
(E.G. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AT YAOUNDE)

H. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: NGUEMA ESONO, BONIFACIO
(SECRETARY GENERAL OF SAME MINISTRY)

I. VICE MINISTER OF COMMERCE: BONOKO EYE, JULIO
(MAYOR OF MALABO)

J. VICE MINISTER, SECRETARY GENERAL AT PRESIDENCY:
ASUMU, GAUDENCIO

K. SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF NATIONAL SECURITY:
NSUE MICHA, NOBERTO
(DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY)

L. SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF HEALTH, AND PRIVATE SECRETARY
OF CHIEF OF STATE: MASIE NTUTUMU, ANGEL
(MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY)

M. SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF SPECIAL FUNCTIONS (CHARGE
DE MISSION) AND INFORMATION:
OYONO ALOGO, JESUS ALFONSO
(MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION)

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N. SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE:
NKO IVASA, ANDRES
(MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE)

3. COMMENT: NEW VICE PRESIDENT, A FANG WHO REPLACES LONG TIME BUBI
INCUMBENT AND RUMORED TO BE ONE OF MACIAS'S CLOSEST CONFIDANTS, IS
REPUTEDLY EXTREMELY UNPOPULAR, CONSIDERED RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY
KILLINGS. ALL THREE MINISTERS FROM OLD GOVERNMENT WHO REMAIN INCLUDING

THE TWO WHO SEEMED MOST IMPORTANT--MASIE MTUTUMU AND OYONO ALOGO APPARENTLY DOWNGRADED BY NOMINATION TO SECRETARY OF STATE POSITIONS, WHICH HITHERTO DID NOT EXIST IN GOEG (ALTHOUGH IT POSSIBLE THEY WILL CONTINUE BE KEY OPERATIVES OUT OF PRESIDENCY). SEEMS SIGNIFICANT THAT NEW VICE PRESIDENT WHO ALSO HEADS NATIONAL SECURITY APPARATUS IS ALSO MASIE NTUTUMU'S BROTHER. NEWLY NAMED MINISTER OCHAGA NGONO PRESUMABLY STILL PERMANENT SECRETARY OF SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY PUNT. IN GENERAL, EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF NEW GROUP SAID BE LOWER THAN ONE IT REPLACES.

4. EMBASSY HOPES BE ABLE COMMENT MORE FULLY NEXT WEEK.
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